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By James M. Thomas

The tragic events of the last few weeks stress the need for all of us to prepare for the effects of a disaster, regardless of the cause. Individually we have to make plans to take care of ourselves, our families and our neighbors in need. As state officials it is our responsibility and privilege to work with the local authorities to make sure they are prepared and have the tools they need to handle all sorts of emergencies. We are also in partnership with federal authorities. Hurricane Katrina re-emphasizes the importance of these established relationships and the need to continually improve our communication and coordination protocols.

We have already begun to review our own plans, procedures and partnerships with all emergency organizations to make sure our response efforts are timely, efficient and effective. It is our commitment, especially in the aftermath of Katrina to better prepare ourselves, and our local partners.

September is National Preparedness Month. Public education campaigns will be going on all month. Please take the opportunity to review the information being issued through radio and television announcements. The Department of Public Health with our assistance developed an emergency preparedness guide that will be in newspapers throughout Connecticut on Sunday, September 25th. The "Connecticut Guide to Emergency Preparedness" contains useful information to assist individuals to prepare for all sorts of emergencies. It provides guidance on developing family emergency plans and supply kits. It provides basic guidance on what to do during certain types of emergencies. One of the most important pieces of advice is that people should listen to their radio and television for official instructions.

Our duty and mission is to take care of the health and safety of the citizens and visitors of Connecticut. Let us learn from the disasters around the world to better prepare ourselves, our communities and our state.

WHAT'S NEW:

**September is
National
Preparedness
Month**

UPCOMING EXERCISES:
Hurricane Drill
September 15th

2 Day CERT Training
Sept 24 & 25 see page 6

**New DEMHS Area 5
Coordinator appointed:**
Mary Rose Duberek



CT Intelligence Center (CTIC)

By SA Steve Shiner and Trooper Michael J. Kowal

Intelligence: Gather, Evaluate and SHARE!

Many changes have occurred in the FBI, and in the intelligence community as a whole, since 9/11. The #1 priority for the FBI is to protect the U.S. from terrorist attack. In January 2003, the FBI Director authorized the establishment of an FBI Office of Intelligence. Each field office was mandated to establish a Field Intelligence Group (FIG).

In the New Haven field office - like others across the country - the FIG became responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating intelligence. The FIG must look across all investigative priorities and program lines utilizing the efforts of the FBI's Analysts.

In Connecticut, the FIG has evolved to work in partnership with the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC). The CTIC is a Regional Intelligence Center (RIC) and will model many functions of other RIC's nationwide. It is a multi-agency collaborative operation that involves all jurisdictions within the State of Connecticut, Bordering agencies and Federal Agencies to ensure that information is gathered, analyzed and shared in an efficient manner.

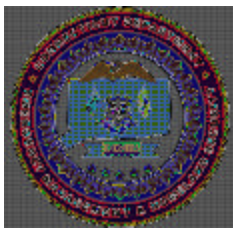
CTIC serves to collect, analyze and disseminate both criminal and terrorism related intelligence to all law enforcement agencies in the State of Connecticut. CTIC also will endeavor to identify emerging threats or crime trends, and serve as a statewide central resource to effect intelligence sharing.

Part of CTIC's mission is to develop joint reporting procedures to decrease duplication among various agencies within the state. A short term goal is to set up Regional representatives (RILO) to monitor specific jurisdictional representatives (ILO) and assist in the gathering of raw information. Both the FBI and State Police will oversee CTIC intelligence functions within the state.

CTIC produces the following intelligence products: CTIC Weekly Briefing (formerly known as the CSP Intelligence Briefing); CTIC Intelligence Assessment; the CTIC Intelligence Bulletin; and Intelligence Information Reports.

As a long term goal, CTIC intends to host quarterly meetings of intelligence liaison officers to exchange information and problems within their jurisdictions. As another long term goal, CTIC also plans to establish a more efficient web-based information exchange.

CTIC is headquartered in the New Haven FBI office and is made up of representatives of the FBI, DEMHS, the CT State Police, the CT Police Chiefs Association and the US Coast Guard.



Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

The EMAC Process

Background: Since being approved by Congress in 1996 as Public Law 104-321, 48 states, two territories and the District of Columbia have ratified EMAC. States are not required to assist other states unless they are able.

Unlike other interstate emergency aid compacts, EMAC is a legal agreement which offers clear implementation and ratification procedures and has been approved by Congress, as required by the U.S. Constitution.

EMAC establishes an implementation plan which means member states all agree to standard operating procedures for requesting and providing assistance.

Question: How much lead time is involved?

The normal lead time could be anywhere from two to three days to plan and deploy. There are situations that it could be a longer notification period such as a relief team going to the gulf coast replacing teams that have been working for the past two weeks.

Question: Who pays for the salary for the personnel responding to the EMAC requests?

The agencies replying to a request for assistance must calculate the cost of the deployment, (salaries, travel, per-diem, etc.), and provide that information to their respective state EMAC Coordinator for inclusion in the response to the requesting State EMAC Coordinator. Both regular and overtime costs should be provided. The process calls for the municipality to pay the costs of responding and then submit documentation of expenditures to their own State EMAC Coordinator. That state will invoice the receiving state. The responding state will receive reimbursement from the requesting state and reimburse the municipality. The requesting state may request reimbursement from FEMA. Please note that the request does not constitute authorization to respond. The requesting state must review the responding states offer and provide a fully signed Req-A, accepting the terms of deployment before any unit is approved to respond.

Question: Are the personnel responding to the EMAC covered for workers compensation and other liabilities?

When working under EMAC the municipal employees in fact become state employees and are covered in the worker compensation and other liabilities areas.

What about any equipment that is damaged?

Equipment is damaged in the EMAC request will be repaired through the EMAC process.

Essentially personnel sent out as part of the EMAC from Connecticut are state personnel and they are covered for all reasonable costs associated with the EMAC process.

Meet the DEMHS Coordinating Council

Over the next several months we will be introducing members of CT's DEMHS Coordinating Council. The Council is made up of 26 individuals appointed by the legislature and the governor to advise DEMHS on various issues including communications and coordination with local, state and federal authorities. We would like to take this opportunity to present to you the expertise these individuals bring to the Council and to thank them for their commitment to the people of Connecticut.

Dr. J Robert Galvin, Commissioner, CT Department of Public Health

Dr. J. Robert Galvin was appointed Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health on December 1, 2003. Dr. Galvin has broad experience in the field of medicine and public health. He has been a physician since 1965, and over the course of his career, has practiced primary care, emergency, and aviation medicine.



Dr. J. Robert Galvin

Dr. Galvin received his medical degree from Tufts University in 1964, and graduated from the Army War College in 1986. He received a Masters in Public Health from the University of Connecticut in 1996 and currently has credits toward a Masters of Business Administration from UCONN. Dr. Galvin was also appointed an Associate Professor at the UCONN School of Medicine. As Commissioner, Dr. Galvin's priorities include public health preparedness, children's health, and eliminating health disparities. Dr. Galvin is also committed to ensuring quality health care for all Connecticut residents.

Dr. Galvin is retired from the U.S. Army where he attained the rank of Brigadier General and received nine individual decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for combat service in Viet Nam. Dr. Galvin is married to Pat, who is a retired schoolteacher and attorney. He has 5 children and 2 grandchildren.

Leonard C. Boyle, Commissioner, CT Department of Public Safety

Leonard Boyle was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety in August 2004. Before coming to DPS, Commissioner Boyle worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut for approximately 17 years and was the Assistant District Attorney for Connecticut and Counsel to the United States Attorney for Connecticut. In these roles he investigated and prosecuted violations of federal criminal laws, including public corruption, civil rights, corporate fraud, violent crimes and narcotics trafficking.

Commissioner Boyle was raised in Vernon and graduated from Rockville High School. He lives in East Hartford where he served as a police officer from 1975 to 1980. He graduated from the University of Hartford in 1980 and earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1983. After law school, Commissioner Boyle clerked for then-Chief Justice John A. Speziale of the CT Supreme Court and served as an associate at the law firm of Tyler, Cooper and Alcorn, New Haven.



Leonard C. Boyle

Since 1994, Commissioner Boyle has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law and as an Instructor at the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education and National Advocacy Center.

Commissioner Boyle recently received the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service. He has received the U.S. Department of Justice's Director's Award on two occasions: in 2001, for his prosecution of civil rights cases involving members of the Hartford Police Department, and in 2002, for his prosecution of organized crime figures. In 1990, he received the U.S. Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his prosecution of United States v. Gerena, et al.

Daniel O'Brien, American Medical Response - Vice President of Operations, Connecticut and Western Massachusetts



As Vice President of Operations, Mr. O'Brien is responsible for overseeing American Medical Response's Operations in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. His EMS career began in 1983 as an EMT for New Haven Ambulance Service, one of AMR's founding companies. Mr. O'Brien became a paramedic in 1987 and was a paramedic field operation supervisor in 1990 and 1991. He was promoted to Director of Operations for New Haven Ambulance in 1991 and was selected as Vice President of Operations for AMR of CT in 1992.

Mr. O'Brien's contributions to the ambulance industry include serving as Vice President on the South Central Connecticut Regional EMS Council Board of Directors since 1994 and as a governor-appointed member of the State of Connecticut EMS Advisory Board since 1998 and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security since 2004.

Douglas L. Dortenzio, Wallingford Chief of Police

Douglas Dortenzio has been Wallingford's Chief of Police since 1990. The Wallingford Police Department is a suburban agency of ninety-eight employees servicing a community of forty-four thousand residents located in central Connecticut. Chief Dortenzio was appointed by both Governor Lowell Weicker and Governor John Rowland to serve as a council member of the State of Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council and continues to serve today. Prior to coming to Wallingford Chief Dortenzio served the City of New Haven and their 125,000 residents in the Police Department's Support and Emergency Services Division.



Chief Dortenzio has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of New Haven, a Master of Business Administration from Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, CT and has completed the Law Enforcement Executive Development Program by the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, VA.

Chief Dortenzio has been a guest lecturer at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI on Command Training Series: Executive Management and at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT on their Mid-Management Program.

Chief Dortenzio is currently a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and has won both the 2003 CT Secretary of the State Public Service Award and 2002 CT Public School Superintendents Distinguished Service Award.

Town Notes: Watertown, CT



David P. Hardt 2005 CT Emergency Manager of the Year (Excerpts taken from David's nomination letter)

David Hardt is a lifelong citizen of the Town of Watertown. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 19 years. In 1997 David reached the rank of Deputy Fire Chief, which he continues to hold today. David was appointed Watertown's Director of Emergency Management in 2000.

Since being appointed Emergency Management Director, David has single handedly brought Watertown's Emergency Operations Plan up-to-date, has overseen the move of the emergency operations center and updated the Town's emergency communication system. Recently David updated Watertown's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) plan allowing for easier implementation of the plan.

David was responsible for compiling, editing and finalizing the Smallpox Mass Screening and Vaccination Plan for the Torrington Area Health District. This huge undertaking took an estimated 6 to 8 months to complete. David would take the lead in implementing this plan if it were ever to become necessary. David is also Watertown's lead representative for the town's regional Council of Government's work on the area's hazard mitigation plan.

Director Hardt does all of this on a voluntary basis. Since 9/11 David has given huge numbers of hours to accomplish these tasks. All this and he continues to assist in the management of Watertown's fire department.

DEMHS Training Department

For full course descriptions, prerequisites and times and locations visit our website www.ct.gov/demhs and click on ***Check the Calendar***. For more information or to register contact our State Training Officer, **Paul Benyeda** at 860-566-8517 or email Paul at paul.benyeda@po.state.ct.us.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT Weekend September 24 and 25th

September is National Preparedness Month. Members of CERT understand the necessity of remaining prepared for any type of emergency. To maintain the skills of our Connecticut CERTs we will have a *CERT Weekend* on the weekend of September 24th and 25th at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. All Connecticut CERTs are invited to attend and practice some of the skills that they learned in CERT training.

CERT activities will include Fire Extinguisher use, Cribbing, Triage, Kid's Safety House - (Train-the-Trainer), Home Safety Check Training and a Maze Confidence Course. Dr. George Everly, an Adjunct Instructor at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), will give a talk about Terrorism and its effect on our lifestyle. Haley Rich the originator of the Teen SERT (School Emergency Response Training) will talk about the Teen SERT program and will also give a demonstration on Moulage Techniques. We have purchased four Moulage Kits that Haley will use for her demonstration on creating realistic mock injuries on team members for the purpose of emergency exercises. At the completion of the moulage demonstrations, class participants will be entered in a drawing and four winners will take home the used moulage kits if they like, (State employees who are participating in the training in their official capacities are not eligible to win).

The activities will be repeated on both days, to ensure that as many of our CERTs can attend as possible. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided for those attending. Participation in our *First CERT Weekend* is encouraged. Sign up by September 19th by contacting Paul Benyeda.

For information on the Connecticut Fire Academy please visit <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/site/default.asp>.